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HOUSE MEMORIAL 23

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A STATEWIDE
DATABASE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND
ANGER MANAGEMENT COUNSELING AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, substance abuse treatment and prevention programs
are spread throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the spectrum of substance abuse programs runs the
gamut from drug addiction to alcohol treatment and from
prevention to crisis management; and

WHEREAS, the need for substance abuse programs often
presents itself as urgent when a person is in need of
intervention or treatment; and

WHEREAS, finding help in a substance abuse program often
requires a waiting period; and

WHEREAS, in New Mexico, there is a system of substance

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1 abuse and treatment programs that is difficult to navigate,
2 making it difficult to coordinate an available treatment slot
3 with an appropriate location; and

4 WHEREAS, responsibility and accountability for domestic
5 violence programs are similarly spread across agencies and
6 throughout the state and, therefore, programs are difficult to
7 access; and

8 WHEREAS, anger management and counseling are critically
9 important to reducing violence and improving the viability of
10 New Mexico families;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human
13 services department and the department of health be requested
14 to coordinate their staff and make efforts to create a database
15 of substance abuse programs and domestic violence and anger
16 management counseling and treatment programs and make it
17 available to providers, health and psychological professionals
18 and others who may need to refer clients for treatment; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the database and an inventory
20 of all substance abuse programs be continuously updated and
21 maintained; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a representative of the human
23 services department and a representative of the department of
24 health provide an update to the legislative health and human
25 services committee during the 2008 interim on the departments'

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efforts to create and maintain such a database; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of human services, the secretary of health, the New Mexico medical society and the chair of the legislative health and human services committee.